

Re: Docket 04-233

My husband's a radio guy. In the 21 years I've known him, he's converted me from someone who turns the knob without very much thought to someone who understands that the Communications Act of 1934 imposes some responsibility on broadcasters. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear and shameful example of a company abdicating those responsibilities in the name of politics. The FCC's decision to allow such abdication is a clear and shameful example of a Federal agency doing the same.

Sinclair uses OUR public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. It is failing to do so. I urge the FCC to take all actions necessary to ensure that Sinclair Broadcasting meets its obligations, or failing that, to take license action against them.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.